

**From:** [Siclon, Jhein](#)  
**To:** [Atkociunas, Paul](#)  
**Cc:** [Paul Lake](#); [Hill, Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Beloit Corp Pump and Treat building  
**Date:** Friday, June 18, 2021 8:40:46 AM

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**Paul L. and Chris:** our building is intact. This is the most definitive picture I got from Paul A.

**Thank you, Paul A.**

I was at Beloit taking soil and swipe samples of residential areas. We were divided into teams to gather them from residential areas nearby and targeted mostly those within the 1-mile radius from the chemical plant. We have teams from Illinois EPA's Springfield, Des Plaines, and Rockford offices. I have heard from them yesterday that the samples will be brought to Illinois EPA's lab this morning, so we have no results yet.

Thank you for the picture. I couldn't get near the building to get a picture of it. They are limiting us to the northern portion of the plant, in front of the Paperchine (former research building of Beloit Corp). There are police limiting access to the area and they have set up a checkpoint at the entrance of the facility itself.

I have heard, but not confirmed, that C6 PFAS foam were used on the first stage of foam use for suppression but used fluorine-free foams afterward. I've seen containment booms near the river's shoreline when we passed through the bridge in Rock River near the plant. I suspect the foams may have reached the river.

Lastly, our team has spoken to one resident that for them to continue the Settler's Day (a local celebration in Rockton), the local officials have allegedly reduced the 1-mile radius for evacuation. The celebration, allegedly, was within the 1-mile radius. This may cause potential PR problems since we have a Superfund site there. Overall, however, they are thankful for us taking samples in there.

Sincerely,

Jhein Siclon  
Illinois EPA

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**From:** Atkociunas, Paul <atkociunas.paul@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 7:34 AM  
**To:** Siclon, Jhein <Jhein.Siclon@Illinois.gov>

**Subject:** [External] FW: Beloit Corp Pump and Treat building

Jhein,

An EPA OSC was able to view the treatment building. As noted, he may visit the area again this morning.

Sincerely,  
Paul Atkociunas  
RPM

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**From:** Villicana, Matthew <villicana.matthew@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 2:11 AM

**To:** Atkociunas, Paul <atkociunas.paul@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Thomas, Craig <thomas.craig@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Beloit Corp Pump and Treat building

Hey Paul,

I was requested over to the southern side of the Chemtool building this evening, so I decided to check on the Beloit Corp building while I was over there. The building looks unharmed by the fire; however the power is still shut off.

I have attached a photo.

I plan on going back to the southern side of the building tomorrow morning, so let me know if there is anything else you would like me to get a photo of while I'm over there.

**Matt Villicana | On-Scene Coordinator**

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**Subject:** RE: Beloit Corp Pump and Treat building  
**Date:** Friday, June 18, 2021 8:28:58 AM  
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Paul

Thanks for the update.

Mark

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**Subject:** FW: Beloit Corp Pump and Treat building

Mark,

Just an FYI on the status of the pump and treat building

Thanks,  
Paul

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